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Owen Ziglar's third trial scheduled

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

In a court order signed by Circuit Judge Robert W. Barr and filed in the Circuit Clerk's office on December 22, Spencer Owen Ziglar's third trial is set to begin on February 13, 1995.

Ziglar, 58, was originally charged with murder in the January 30, 1990 shooting death of Edward Lamar Kelley, 56, of Elba.

Kelley was killed by a shotgun blast fired through the front door of his mobile home located on the Taylor Mill Road just west of Elba. He died of wounds to the face, neck and chest.

Ziglar was not convicted of murder in his first trial held in June of 1991. He was found guilty of the

lesser included offense of manslaughter and sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary.

In May of 1993, the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals overturned Ziglar's conviction and ordered a new trial.

During the first week in December of last year, Ziglar was tried once again. That trial ended in a mistrial with the jury deadlocked in a 9-3 vote. Nine of the jurors favored conviction while three were for acquittal.

Shortly after the above trial, Presiding Circuit Judge Terry Butts scheduled a special term of criminal court set to begin on January 17. Ziglar's case was placed on the court docket to be tried during that term of court.

In the court order issued by Judge

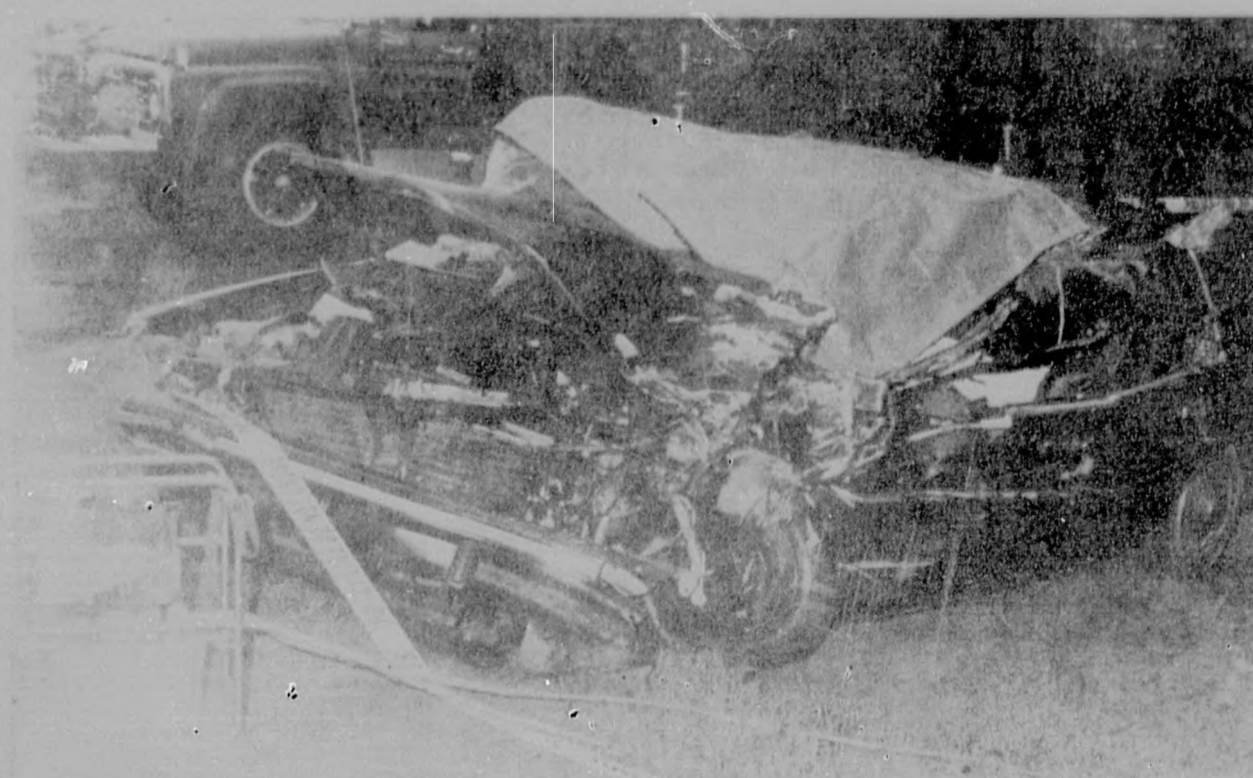
Barr, the following basis for the decision to continue the case until February were listed:

1) The family of Edward Kelley desires that this case be tried February 13, 1995, and not in the method suggested in January 1995.

2) The conflict in the schedule of one of the defendant's attorneys, which this Court directed the Defense attorneys to inform the Court about on December 2, 1994.

3) The Court Calendar published on November 9, 1994, which poses a conflict between Court terms.

The judge pointed out in his order that a city employee was thought enough of to be appointed to the county commission, but I guess they don't see it that way."



CAR-VAN COLLISION KILLS ELBA MAN...An early morning wreck last Friday morning, December 30, 1994, killed one man and injured another. The accident occurred on AL Hwy. 189 approximately 7 miles north of Elba. Joe Davis Cook, 67, of Route 5, Elba died instantly when his car collided head-on with a van being driven by Georg Tarnowski, 75, of 2296 Hawthorne Road, Spring Hill, FL. The Elba Police Department was notified of the wreck at 6:32 a.m. and rescue and fire units from Elba were dispatched to the scene immediately. Reportedly, the collision happened at approximately 6:15 a.m. Cook was pronounced dead at the scene by Coffee County Coroner Bobby Baker while Tarnowski was taken to Elba General Hospital by a unit of the Elba Rescue Squad. He was treated and later released. Cook's body was removed from the scene by the Department of Forensic Science to be autopsied. Alabama State Trooper Willie White investigated the accident.

Baker to serve on Fob James' cabinet

Governor-elect Fob James recently named long-time education manager and Montgomery investment banker Jimmy H. Baker to serve as state budget officer and acting finance director in the new administration which will take office January 16, 1995.

Mr. Baker, 52, has an extensive education background, and in fact,

became superintendent of the Daleville City Board of Education at age 26. He served as superintendent for five years in Daleville and then became superintendent of the Coffee County Board of Education in 1973. When he left as superintendent in Coffee County in 1979, he became the assistant state superintendent of education.

"Gov. James has presented me with a great challenge in naming me to his team," Baker said. "Running a financial operation that affects more than four million people is a responsibility I take very seriously. I appreciate Gov. James having the confidence he has shown in me by this appointment."

The salary range for the budget officer is established by the State Personnel Department and will allow Baker to be paid a salary of \$102,752 annually.

Baker has been in the investment banking business and specializing in public finance since 1983. He was a partner in the George M. Wood Co. of Montgomery. He later worked for Morgan Keegan in Montgomery and most recently operated his own investment banking company.

Baker was born in Coffee County and graduated from New Brockton High School in 1960.

He received an undergraduate degree from Troy State University in 1963 with a major in business administration and economics. Baker holds a degree from Auburn University in business administration and a masters in economics and social science education. He also has done post-graduate work in education administration.

Baker is a member of the American Management Association and various public finance organizations. He has served as chairman and a member of the State Textbook Committee, and the State Tenure Commission. He also has served as the president of the Alabama Association of School Administration.

Hornsby urging Hooper to simplify matter concerning absentee votes

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

Sonny Hornsby, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Alabama, held a press conference in Montgomery on Tuesday to make public a letter to Perry O. Hooper Sr. and faxed copies of a letter to newspapers around the state afterwards.

Hornsby and Hooper were the November 8th, 1994, Democrat and Republican candidate respectively for Hornsby's seat as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The race was close and the none of offices, nor the constitutional amendments, has yet been certified due to court battles over contested absentee votes. No newly elected official can take office until the respective race has been certified by the Secretary of State.

In the letter Hornsby noted it has been almost two months since the general elections and the gubernatorial inauguration and legislative organizations session are only days away.

He noted the two candidates for Alabama's highest court office "have a unique opportunity to prevent what undoubtedly will be chaos if our elected public officials are not

immediately certified and do not timely take their oaths of office."

Hornsby proposed the two join in publicly urging all parties and their lawyers to enter into an immediate agreement to simplify the matter.

This would include the counting and certifying of all absentee ballots for the limited purpose of having the Secretary of State tabulate them and make a determination as to whether or not the inclusion of said contested absentee ballots would change the result in any race. Any such race would not be certified until final court resolution of the matter.

Hornsby noted the absentee ballot dispute may be a moot issue as the contested absentee ballots may not change the outcome of a single race.

He agreed to congratulate Mr. Hooper if these contested ballots showed the Republican challenger to be the clear winner in the race for Chief Justice.

Hornsby noted he was party to no pending lawsuit on the matter. "You are the lead plaintiff in the cases before Judge Howard... You have the power to control this litigation."

According to Hornsby's letter, copies of the letter went to 27 attorneys directly involved in the lawsuits (in addition to the candidates).



AUTISM WEEK PROCLAMATION...Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood signed a proclamation Tuesday morning, proclaiming January 9 through January 15, 1995, as Autism Week in Elba. Autism is a severely incapacitating, lifelong developmental disability, resulting in significant impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal, nonverbal, and reciprocal communication. There are approximately 16,000 individuals in Alabama affected by this, the fourth most common, developmental disability. Support groups, such as the Southeast Alabama Chapter of the Autism Society of America, have dedicated this week to educating families, professionals, and the general public to better understand this lifelong disability. Pictured above are: Connie Kelley, president of the Southeast Alabama Chapter of Autism Society of America; and Mayor Haywood.

New county commissioner loses job

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

(Editor's Note: The following article is an interview with Coffee County's newest commissioner conducted by Pattie Weiland, managing editor of The Southeast Sun. It is with her permission that it is being used by this paper.)

Coffee County's newest commissioner lost his day job last Thursday when the City of Enterprise determined he could not remain with the city's department of leisure services and be a commissioner, too.

Randy Lunsford, who was appointed December 22 by Gov. Jim Folsom to complete the unexpired term of the late Sid Averett, was told he could not keep his city job because it violated the city's employee handbook.

According to Lunsford, the handbook states a city employee may not have a part-time job that coincides with his or her full-time job with the city. The commission meets on the second and fourth Monday morning

of each month. Commission meetings generally last two to three hours.

"I intended to take unpaid leave on meeting days, but they said that's not allowed," Lunsford said. "You would think they would be proud that a city employee was thought enough of to be appointed to the county commission, but I guess they don't see it that way."

Lunsford said he was called in by city attorney Joe Pittman and given the bad news. He said he was disappointed Mayor (Johnny) Henderson or city councilmen hadn't met privately with him to explain the situation.

"You would have thought they would have done that, rather than just sending the handbook to the city attorneys," Lunsford said. "Lunsford worked for the city for about four years. He said he does not intend to contest the city's decision. "I just want to do what's best for the city and county. I don't want to hurt anyone or cause problems."

He said he will go work for his father, Henry Glenn Lunsford, who was the superintendent of public works for the City of Enterprise for many years, now has a fill-dirt business. The elder Lunsford was let go without explanation when the present city administration took office in 1992.

The younger Lunsford said he will spend his first weeks in office just listening, watching and learning. "I'm going to go with the flow, see what's going on. I want to go slow. I want to work with all the commissioners. We've got to work together to get things done."

Lunsford said he's particularly interested in boosting the county's economic development. "I'd love to see us put in a county industrial park and offer incentives to businesses and industries which would be willing to locate there. And we need a county-wide chamber of commerce."

He said that county government in a position to make some very important advances. "Everything is set up perfectly for Coffee County to expand. We need some good, high-paying jobs for our kids and I think the county commission has brought the county to a point where that dream can become a reality."

He said he had great admiration for Sid Averett. Lunsford ran against Averett in the 1992 county election. "I've been knowing Sid since I was very young. He was one of the nicest, most well-known people in the county. He did an outstanding job as a commissioner. He not only worked for District 6, he worked for all the people of the county. There's nobody alive, me included, who will ever be able to fill his shoes. He was an example we should all try to follow."

Lunsford said his primary duty will be to listen to the people of his district in particular and the people of the county in general.

"When you stop listening to the people you don't need to be in office," he said. "The Constitution doesn't say 'We, the politician.' It says 'We the people.' We elect politicians to office and if they don't do the job and we keep electing them, then it's the people's fault if there's chaos in government."

Lunsford thanked all his supporters in the county and District 6 who wrote letters to the governor on his behalf. "I'm going to do the best job I can for everybody," he said. "I can't tell you how seriously I take this responsibility that's been given to me. I am proud I've been selected to serve."

Lunsford will attend his first commission meeting Monday, January 9, 1995.

New 334 area code to affect southern half of Alabama

The residents of South Alabama will soon have to adjust to using a new area code when they use their telephones.

Beginning January 15, the southern half of the state, more than thirty counties, will switch from the 205 area code to the new 334. Besides the confusion this will probably cause to everybody, there are some for which it will be an expensive change.

According to GTE officials, the cost of programming private branch exchanges known as PBX systems will vary from business to business. South Alabamians will not be the only ones affected. Every telephone company and business in the country will be forced to reprogram in order to call numbers zoned in the new area code.

To some extent, residential customers will be affected by paperwork in changing their phone numbers on checks, personal stationary, etc.

Business phone numbers imprinted on stationary and business cards will also require changes.

Individuals affected by the area code change who have mobile telephones will also be required to make some adjustments - their car phones will have to be reprogrammed by the installer (mobile service provider).

Even though there will be a four month grace period (until May 13th), customers should not put off making

the necessary changes and notifications.

Reportedly, the new 334 area code will allow the creation of almost 500 new prefixes and the potential for 5 million new telephone numbers.

GTE multi-line businesses and GTE maintained equipment customers may call 1-800-GTE-6000 for assistance. GTE's small business customers, 2-5 lines, may call 1-800-GTE-5200. Residential and single-line business customers needing assistance should call 1-800-GTE-1000.

(See map on Page 2 showing counties affected by new area code)

County's landfill manager resigns

Last week, the manager of the Coffee County Subtitle D Landfill tendered his resignation in order to accept employment with a state agency.

Eric Wilson, in giving a three-week notice to the county, stated that he will be going to work with the Alabama Department of Agriculture.

He has served as manager of the county's new landfill since it was first opened in October of 1993.

* * HAPPENINGS * *

ELBALA PAGEANT The Junior Miss and Miss Elbala Pageant will be held in the Elba High School Auditorium Saturday night, January 7, 1995, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by local talent. Admission will be \$4.00 for high school students and adults and \$3.00 for elementary students.

AUTISM SOCIETY MEETS The Southeast Alabama Chapter of Autism Society of America will hold its monthly meeting Thursday (today), January 5, 1995, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Elba Public Library. All interested persons are invited to attend. For more information, contact Connie Kelley at 393-4760.

NEW AREA CODE The area code for this area will change from 205 to 334 on January 15. Phone companies are encouraging their customers to make the necessary changes and notifications so that the transition will be as smooth as possible. A four month grace period will end on May 13, 1995.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

There was a good reaction to the phone calls from the mother with the dangerously defective baby toy - you remember, the case we wrote about last week. We were told Thursday that Tyco has pulled the Musical Toy (Rady) from the market until the defective knob can be repaired or replaced. The mother also received a certificate to replace the toy with any of the company's many other SAFE toys. We like that type responsibility and salute the company for such fast response!

Saturday, New Year's Eve, my family was enroute to Tallahassee, FL for the annual ritual of a family gathering that has taken place (at various places) on this particular weekend for over 30 years. We had the East bound section of foggy I-10 mostly to ourselves. The same was not true for those in the West bound lanes. There was almost a steady stream of vehicles showing their team loyalties (either Florida or Florida State) and heading to New Orleans and the January 2nd Sugar Bowl match-up. A few Tennessee vehicles were mixed in as they returned from their winning bowl appearance. Those which got the most respect from our family were the vehicles sporting FSU banners on one side and Florida colors on the other side. The fact they could disagree on favorites, display their preferences openly and still occupy the same vehicle for the long trip to New Orleans is a credit to their maturity and common sense.

We didn't watch much of the bowl presentations this year. It seems most of the time they play just as well without us and there were other things on our mind. However, Monday afternoon people kept reporting Alabama was tied with Ohio State and we just had to give them our help. As football fans now know, Alabama pulled it out in that last quarter and it was all because yours truly had rented the couch potato mode and pulled them through! After that success, we decided to tune in and give Bobby Bowden a boost during the second half of the Sugar Bowl. Sure enough his team won also.

More killings around abortion clinics. The two receptionists killed last week in the Boston suburb died senseless deaths. We are glad police made an arrest in the cases. It is hard for this country boy to understand the reasoning of any pro-lifers who try to justify these killings. We defend every one's right to form individual opinions on this or any other issue. Conversely, we have nothing but contempt for people who let their personal opinions interfere with the rights of others to form (and express) what may be differing opinions. That contempt grows in intensity when violence enters the picture.

There is still no candidate certified to become Governor of Alabama (nor fill any other constitutional office) on January 16th. Unless both sides agree with the idea put forth in a letter Tuesday by Chief Justice Sotomayor and remove all but the contested races from the pending lawsuits, this state could be in a major crisis come mid-January. The lawsuits and/or appeals are not about to be over by that time at the rate they are going, therefore the Secretary of State is forbidden from certifying any election results. There will be no constitutional officers - none at all! That includes the folks in Montgomery that we often think we can do without, plus all the county officials set to assume office on January 16.

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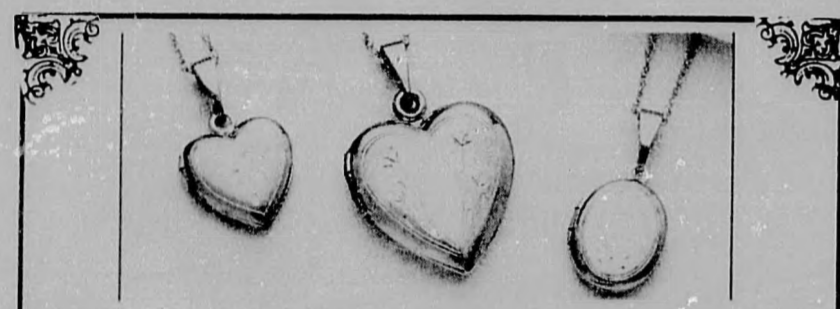
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ELBA POLICE REPORT

DECEMBER 27, 1994 Thru JANUARY 2, 1995

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, December 27, 1994, investigated the following incidents: five thefts, one burglary, and one criminal mischief.

The following arrest was made during the week: one for harassment. The following traffic citations were issued: two for speeding, one for an expired tag, and two for illegally parking in a handicapped parking zone.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 - Vehicle fire on U.S. Hwy. 84E (4:23 a.m.); Rescue run to The Big/Little (7:04 a.m.); River stage 4.95 feet (7:06 a.m.).

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28 - River stage 4.90 feet (7:18 a.m.); Disturbance on Cedar Lane Drive (5:17 a.m.); Wreck reported on Highland Drive (car/deer) (5:53 p.m.); Fight at Mr. Henry's (9:19 p.m.); Alarm at Williams' Sign (9:50 p.m.); Prowler reported at Lot 5 Lake Ridgeway (11:45 p.m.).

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29 - River stage 4.90 feet (7:05 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Taylor Mill Road (9:33 a.m.); Disturbance at Dr. Strong's office (9:49 a.m.); Wreck at Dorsey Trailer (10:52 a.m.); Wreck on Reese Ave. (11:08 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Edgewood Dr. (11:55 a.m.); Prowler reported at a residence on AL Hwy. 166 (6:22 p.m.).

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 - River stage 5.20 feet (6:00 a.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on AL Hwy. 189N (6:32 a.m.); Fire units dispatched to wreck on AL Hwy. 189N (6:38 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Morrow St. (5:40 p.m.); Prowler reported at Kendrick Apts. (6:04 p.m.); Disturbance reported in the Shiloh Community (6:24 p.m.).

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of December 27, 1994 through January 2, 1995.

They were: Tony Hamlett, Selma McCutley, Ocie Phillips, Willie Wambles, B. M. Fuller, Gloria Angeloff, Trudie Jackson, Christopher Gay, Doug Armstrong, Tina Senn, Rebecca Haskabaa, Claudine Barnes, Joshua McKenzie, Mary Crandell, Zachary Bigger, Albert Grimes, Timothy McKenzie, Jonathan Farmer, and Miranda Kendrick. Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Kimmy Anderson, Tony Hamlett, Selma McCutley, Claudine Barnes, Joshua McKenzie, Gloria Angeloff, Ocie Phillips, Willie E. Wambles, and Doug Armstrong.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 - River stage - none reported; Disturbance on Cedar Lane Dr. (5:57 p.m.); Disturbance in the old United Super parking lot (9:04 a.m.); Fire reported on AL Hwy. 189S (9:45 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 - River stage - none reported; Wreck in the Big Bear parking lot (6:18 p.m.); Fight reported at Hobo Pantry (6:31 p.m.).

MONDAY, JANUARY 2 - Disturbance reported in Morrow Village (1:08 a.m.); Alarm at Ace Hardware (4:26 a.m.); River stage 5.50 feet (7:25 a.m.); Burglary reported on Wayne St. (10:59 a.m.); Grass fire on Taylor Mill Rd. (3:51 p.m.).

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Bulletin Board

S.S. REP. - Courtroom, 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30 Call PRET 1-800-772-1213
ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon
First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA MINISTRIES ASSN. - Tues. 8:00 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday 6:15 p.m. City Hall
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon. - 5:15 p.m. City Hall (after City Council meeting)
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Supp. Office
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building
MASONIC LODGE #79 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.
BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8:12 noon & 12:30-3:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5555
COFFEE COUNTY CO-OPERATORS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. - Club House
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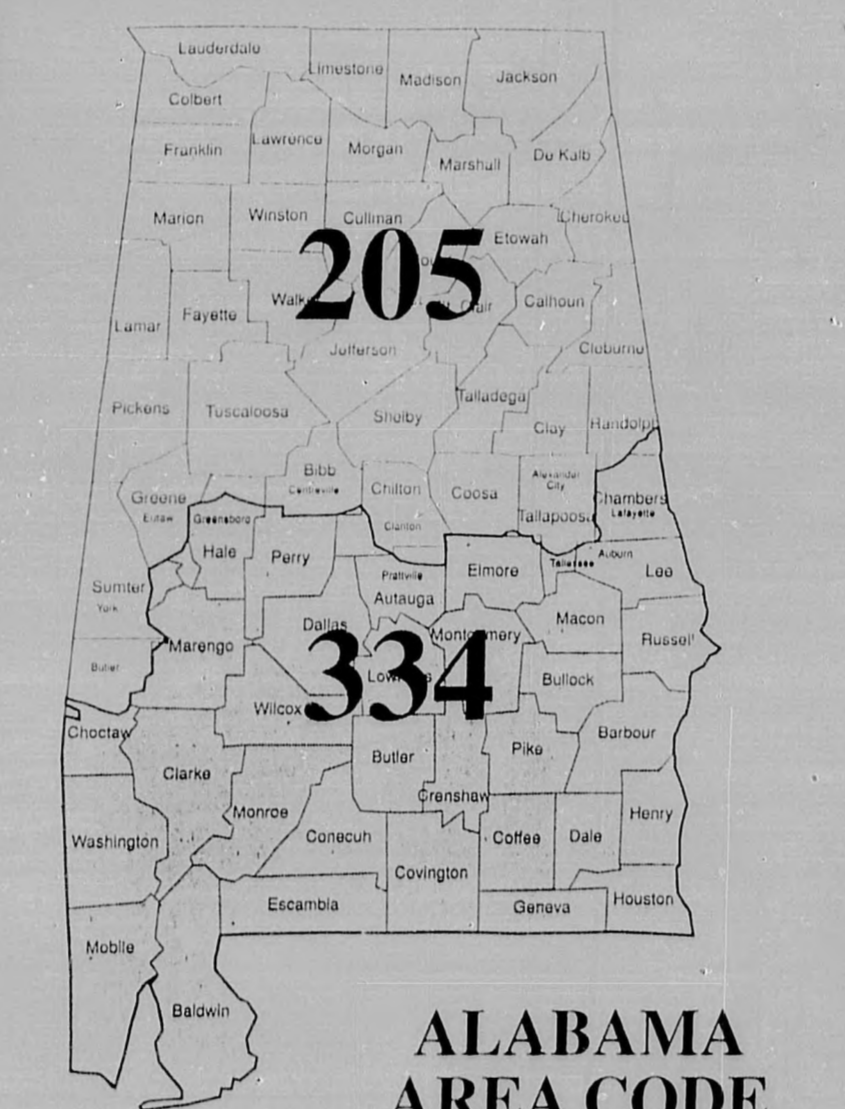
The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2293. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.



NURSING HOME RECEIVES GIFT...The Elba Nursing Home recently received a popcorn popper, which was donated by SouthTrust Bank and The Peoples Bank, for the residents. Pictured above during the presentation are (l-r): Brett Cunningham, director of social services and activities for the nursing home; Ted Roberts, president of SouthTrust; Doris Matthews, vice-president The Peoples Bank; and Ellen Briley, administrator of Elba General Hospital & Nursing Home.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS...The Salvation Army recently visited the Elba Nursing Home with Christmas gifts for the residents. Pictured above are Jean Moore (far left) and Doug Bradley (far right) who are volunteers with the Salvation Army. Accepting the gifts on behalf of the nursing home residents are Bernard Reynolds (center left) and Nell Clemmens (center right). Any group, organization, or individual interested in donating their time at the nursing home should contact Brett Cunningham at 897-2257, Ext. 298 or Janet Hobbs at Ext. 234.



ALABAMA AREA CODE MAP

(Area codes effective January 15, 1995)

Two new Veteran's Homes near completion

In January 1995, Alabama veterans will have available an additional 270 beds capable of providing skilled nursing care according to Frank D. Wilkes, Director, Department of Veterans Affairs.

The 150 bed Bill Nichols Home in Alexander City has been operational for five years. The Floyd E. "Tut" Fann Home in Huntsville and the William F. Green Home in Bay Minette will begin accepting residents in mid-to-late January 1995.

The home in Bay Minette is 150 beds, and the home in Huntsville is 120 beds with approval to add another 30 beds at a later date.

Effective October 1, 1994, the daily rates at these homes is \$74.67 after VA Per Diem of \$35.37, this leaves the veteran responsible for \$39.30 daily or \$1,179.00 per 30-day month and \$12,183.30 per 31-day month. This amount can be paid from VA Pension, Social Security or other retirement benefits and is due in advance, the same as a community nursing home. Each home is a skilled nursing facility and is open to veterans who are Alabama residents. Each home provides the broadest scope of services possible. Many of the services included in the daily rate are not normally provided as part of the daily rate at other facilities.

For further information on the Al-

abama Veterans Homes and a full list of services included in my card, contact your local veterans service officer, Robert E. Lolley, at 894-5858.

curry representative, call 1-800-772-1213. The lines are open weekdays in the week and early in the month, so it's best to call at other times.

Letter To The Editor

To The Editor:

On October 31, I rented a movie from Tiger Video. Due to my negligence, the movie slid under my car seat and was never returned.

On December 20, fifty days later, I was finally contacted. I figured I'd have to pay a \$20 to \$25 late fee at the most. The late fee was \$130, but the lady was nice enough to let me pay with a \$65 charge.

My point is why did it take 50 days to contact me? Since October 31, I have rented movies once or maybe even twice and my son has rented movies several times also. Not once did they ever mention the

missing movie. They said they tried to contact me, but it makes me wonder because not only do they have my home phone number and address, they have my job phone number and address also. I don't care what they say, it shouldn't have taken that long. There is no excuse.

I'll definitely admit to it being my mistake. I would have gladly paid for my mistake, but I shouldn't have to pay for their mistake, too. Looking back, I wish I'd never even paid the late charge at all, because I'll take my business elsewhere in the future.

Thank you,
Carolyn Hudson

Veteran flight training funds reinstated

Flight training funds for veterans and active duty military have been permanently reinstated as part of the Veterans Benefits Improvements Act of 1994. The program, which was cut 60% of the cost of advanced training and type ratings, with a maximum of \$14,000. "This is an excellent program for a veteran who wants to make aviation a career, to get the necessary training," stated Jim Burchett, Chief Flight Instructor for Alabama Aviation and Technical College in Ozark. "We've been able to

help a number of individuals obtain commercial pilot licenses and instrument ratings using the 6040 program. Now that funding is assured, we'll be able to provide even more training opportunities."

To qualify, a veteran must possess a valid private pilot's license and must meet the medical requirements to qualify for a commercial license. The training must be necessary for the attainment of a recognized vocational objective in the field of aviation. Burchett con-

cluded, "It's a good time to get into civilian aviation. With the military downsizing there will be fewer military-trained candidates. This is going to force the industry to look toward civilian-trained pilots."

Alabama Aviation and Technical College offers a wide range of courses for persons interested in flight training. Call Jim Burchett at (205) 774-5113, ext. 247, or 1-800-624-3468, ext. 248, for additional information.

AREA DEATHS

WILLIE MAE BOLKUM - Willie Mae Bolkum, age 84 of Elba, Alabama, died in Syracuse, New York.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, December 29, 1994, from Greater New Zion Baptist Church with Rev. W. L. Peterson officiating.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include a daughter, Elzora Harris of Elba, AL; one sister, Nellie Coleman; one aunt, Rena Felton; a nephew, Fred Lee of Syracuse, NY; four grandchildren, Lisa Caldwell, Devane Mooreland, Jackie Mooreland, and Willie T. Harris, Jr.; two great grandchildren; other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law: Frances and Richard Jacobs, Elba; Maxine and Jimmy Robert Wise, Thomasville, GA; Glenda and Gerry Shoaf, Orlando, FL; two sons and a daughter-in-law: Milford Ennis, Dothan, AL; Wayne and Dorothy Ennis, Atlanta, GA; sister, Catherine Spurlin, Elba; 14 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

SARA LURA ENNIS - Sara Lura Bryan Ennis, age 87, died Tuesday, January 3, 1995, in an Elba hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, January 5th, 1995 from the Ino Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. Tony Dye officiating.

Burial will follow in the Pine Level Community Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

The family request that in lieu of floral contributions, contributions be made to the Westside Baptist Church Memorial Fund or to the church of choice.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law: Frances and Richard Jacobs, Elba; Maxine and Jimmy Robert Wise, Thomasville, GA; Glenda and Gerry Shoaf, Orlando, FL; two sons and a daughter-in-law: Milford Ennis, Dothan, AL; Wayne and Dorothy Ennis, Atlanta, GA; sister, Catherine Spurlin, Elba; 14 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

LEWIS R. MCINNIS - Lewis R. McInnis, age 75 of the Ino Community, died Saturday, December 24, 1994 in a Dothan, AL hospital.

Mr. McInnis was a lifetime resident of the Ino Community and was a retired farmer.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 27, 1994 from the Ino Baptist Church with Rev. Gary Winstead and Rev. Walter Collins officiating.

Burial followed in the church cemetery with Rainer Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Essie Wise McInnis of the Ino Community; three sons, James M. McInnis of Elba, AL; Lewis E. McInnis of Eagle River, Alaska; and Johnny P. McInnis of the Ino Community; four brothers, Jeff McInnis and Clayton McInnis, both of Opp, AL; Bradley McInnis of Level Plains, AL; and James McInnis of Clayhatchee, AL; one sister, Elizabeth Routley of the Goodman Community; 7 grandchildren.

JIMMY NATHAN THIGPEN - Jimmy Nathan Thigpen, age 47 of Elba, Alabama, died Saturday, December 24, 1994 in an automobile accident.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, December 29, 1994 from the Virgil Coleman Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Dr. V. J. Coleman officiating.

Survivors followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include two children, Sedric Caldwell and Anthony Caldwell of Lake Wales, Florida; five sisters, Margie Ann (Earl) Jackson of Enterprise, AL; Vivian Deloise (Herrman) Reynold of Kansas City, Kansas; Alice Clara Thigpen, Mary Ann Thigpen, and Mary Jean Thigpen, all of Elba, AL; two aunts, Annie Jean (Nathaniel) Lee of Elba, AL and Mary Nee Askew of Lake Wales, FL; a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Evelyne Peadon and Beiter Thigpen, and brother, James Milton Thigpen.

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Letter To The Editor!!!



1994-1995 LBW COLLEGE AMBASSADORS. The Ambassadors for 1994-1995 have been announced by Dean Cook, Student Activities Coordinator and Ambassador's sponsor. These students serve as official hosts and recruiters for LBW College. Fourteen students were chosen this year and will represent LBW at various activities and functions throughout the year. Pictured above are: (front, l to r) Emily Donaldson, Andalusia; Sandy McNeil, Greenville; Kerrie Piliand, Opp; Karen Ellison, Dozier; Angela Hucabaa, Pleasant Home; Kerry Creech, Andalusia; Laura Hall, Elba; Christy Smith, Lake Charles, Louisiana; (back, l to r) Clara Francis, Florida; Lance McCollough, Elba; Larry Brown, Andalusia; Jody Waldorf, Opp; Jerry Aaron, Opp; and Tammy Grimes, Andalusia.

10 free trees from National Arbor Day Foundation available

Ten free trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during January 1995.

The ten trees are the Sugar Maple, White Flowering Dogwood, Pin Oak, White Pine, Red Maple, Birch, American Redbud, Silver Maple, Red Oak, and Colorado Blue Spruce.

These trees were selected to provide benefits every season of the year: lovely spring flowers, cool summer shade, spectacular autumn colors, and winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds." John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day," and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 1995.



Enterprise State Junior College's Student Government Association recently participated in the Alabama Red Ribbon Campaign against drugs. The campaign's goal is to create awareness about drug problems, establish effective community teams, and support drug-free, healthy life-styles. SGA members distributed stickers, on ESJC's campus, bearing the state theme for the campaign, "Drug Free: Way To Be!" Pictured are SGA member Teresa Forehand of Enterprise (right) placing a sticker on Elizabeth Ray of Elba.

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Views From

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melissa got an aquarium for Christmas and wasted little time in moving her three goldfish from their little goldfish bowl and into their big new tank. Their new home was complete with an air pump, plastic plants and colorful little buildings, and it even had a light that was supposed to make the tank appear to glow in the dark. Well, when we plugged in the light we were all in the dark, because the small aquarium light blew a fuse in the fusebox, and left half the house in the dark. We tried the light in a couple of other sockets, with similar results, and even had to call in an electrician to check and make sure that such a little light could actually cause such an outage. He confirmed that Santa had left us with a dud, and after a quick visit to the store, the three fish and everyone else were able to enjoy the new light. Maybe next year we had better make Santa double-check all our gifts before we plug anything in!

TIGER BASKETBALLERS READY TO START OVER

The high school basketball season is back underway and for the Elba Tigers it was time to start all over again on Tuesday night when the Tigers traveled to New Brockton. Elba practiced for three weeks before the season got underway and then played three games over a two week span. The Tigers were one of the few teams that didn't play in a holiday tournament, which means when they hit the court against New Brockton, it had been 17 days since their last game. The Tigers are an experienced team, to say the least, and the only way to gain experience is in games. The lack of playing time over the holidays could set the Tigers back, and that's the last thing they need at this time.

AREA TEAMS BEGIN TO TAKE SHAPE ON COURT

The area teams now have a year's experience behind them and all are looking forward to '95 and many, many wins. Here's a quick look at what the new year may bring.

***NEW BROCKTON (6-3)** failed to win a game in the SEAC tournament for the first time in over 15 years and the Gamecocks now know just how bad they can play! If the Gamecocks can get Chris Flowers back soon they can still win a bunch of games and threaten for post-season play; however, his absence hurt more than expected and the success of the remainder of the season could rely on his return.

***BRANTLEY (7-3)** won three tournaments last year during the holidays, but this season didn't have as much to celebrate over as the Bulldogs posted a 4-3 record in three tournaments and brought home two consolation trophies. It is true that the losses were to 3A Aliceville, 4A Pike County and 6A Dothan, but it is also true that at this point in the season the Bulldogs may not be a real threat to win a third straight state title.

***KINSTON (4-8)** gave its fans hope for better days with a hard fought loss to New Brockton, but then fell flat in the SEAC tourney and have their fans wondering which team is the real Kinston Bulldogs. If the team that clobbered McKenzie and played New Brockton tough for four quarters is the real team, wins will come. If the team that lost to Red Level is the real team, look for more of the same.

***ZION CHAPEL (1-5)** played only one game during the long holiday break, but was impressive in its narrow setback to G.W. Long, and it still looks like better days are ahead for the Rebels. Zion Chapel has had more than enough moral victories and has to be tired of playing well in losses. Look for something to give real soon.

EARLY BOWLS PROVIDED LITTLE EXCITEMENT

I haven't watched much TV over the holidays, but have managed to watch at least a little of a couple of bowl games. The Blue-Gray game was the typical All-Star game in which some lesser named players grabbed most of the highlights, while the Copper Bowl wasn't all that bad if you like teams like Brigham Young whipping up on folks like Oklahoma (I do). The Gator Bowl? Let's just say that I watched TNT's country music video show instead!

IN CLOSING...

1994 wasn't one of the best years for the Mularz family; however, looking back I guess it wasn't one of the worst, either. My Dad bought back as strong as ever after his second heart valve operation, my Mom survived a brief battle with cancer, my kids were both happy and well, and Kathy and I learned a lot about who our friends were and who we can count on when things are going bad. Maybe it was simply another in a long line of learning experiences.

HAPPY NEW YEAR & BEST OF LUCK IN '95!

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